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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING DRY EXTRACTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the instant amendment before initial examination.

Cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Add the following claims.

8. A process for preparing dry extracts from a liquid extract and at least one additional substance by a spray-drying process, characterized in that said at least one additional substance is added to the spray-drying process in a dry form during the spray-drying process.
9. The process according to claim 8, characterized in that said liquid extract is the extract of a medicinal plant.
10. The process according to claim 8, characterized in that said at least one additional substance is a galenic auxiliary agent.
11. The process according to claim 10, characterized in that said auxiliary agent is selected from the group consisting of lactose, maltodextrin, dextrin, dry glucose,

starch, microcrystalline cellulose, silicated microcrystalline cellulose, Povidone®, polyethylene glycol, calcium phosphate, magnesium stearate, precipitated silicic acid, precipitated silica, highly dispersed silica, sorbitol, mannitol, or mixtures thereof.

12. The process according to claim 8, characterized in that the particle size of said at least one additional substance is within a range of from 1 to 500 μm .
13. A dry extract obtainable by a process according to claim 8.
14. A medicament, containing a dry extract according to claim 13.
15. The medicament of claim 14 in the form of a tablet.

REMARKS

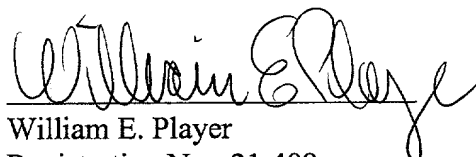
Claims 8-15, presented hereby, contain subject matter of the original claims, revised to eliminate multiple dependencies and to, otherwise, more clearly define the invention.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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